



# St. John's CE Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

### May 2018



#### **SATS TESTS**

Both the Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 SATs tests take place during May. The Key Stage 1 SATs are done on a more informal basis and therefore do not have a strict timetable. The Key Stage 2 SATs however, are administered on a much more formal basis and take place from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May through to Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May. Could you please ensure that your children are not away from school during this important time of the year and arrive at school in plenty of time. Toast and juice will be available from 8:40 for Year 6 children wishing to take advantage of this, in the activity area between Classes 3 and 4.

#### **TERM TIME HOLIDAY**

We'd like to just reaffirm the school's position on term time holidays, as set out in our attendance policy, which has been guided by Oldham LA's stance on term time holidays. This policy, as with all policies, is available to view on the school website, or available from the school office. We are not in a position to authorise any term time holidays, except for truly exceptional and unavoidable circumstances, such as a family funeral.

#### **GOVERNORS**

Could we take this opportunity to welcome the two newly elected parent governors, who have joined the governing body recently. We're sure that Kristian Daniels and Clare Booth will make a valuable and important contribution to the school moving forward.

#### **BANK HOLIDAY**

Just a reminder that Monday is a Bank Holiday, and therefore school will be closed. Those children in Key Stage 2 who pay for a full week school dinner, should therefore bring in 4 days payment (£8.40) on Tuesday.

#### **ACCOMPANYING LETTER**

Your child should, as well as this letter, also be bringing home an update on the acadamisation process and post OFSTED action plan.

#### **FASHION SHOW**

Many thanks to all those who organised, helped at, or attended last night's Fashion Show. We hope that you all had a good time, and maybe picked up some bargains too. Overall, we raised more than £500 for school fund. This will be used to subsidise trips, buy in outside providers (e.g. theatre groups) and pay for other resources for the children.

#### **PLAYGROUND SAFETY**

It has been brought to our attention that some parents / carers are bringing dogs onto the school playground when they are dropping off and collecting children. Whilst we realise it might be inconvenient to leave your dog at home, we have to ensure that the children on the playground are safe, so could we please ask that dogs are not brought on to school premises. Could we also ask that if younger children do bring scooters or bikes when they are picking up older brothers or sisters, that they do not ride them on the playground, as this too could cause an accident.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 10<sup>th</sup> May: Castleshaw Trip – Class 3
- 14<sup>th</sup> May: KS2 SATs Week
- 21<sup>st</sup> May: Robinwood Residential
- 25<sup>th</sup> May: School Closes for Half-Term Holiday
- 4<sup>th</sup> June: School Re-opens

## **KS2 SAFE PARKING**

Before Easter, there was an incident by the school gates where a child was nearly knocked over when a parent was reversing out, having parked immediately in front of the playground gates. We do realise that parking close to school is difficult, but we do ask that you park with consideration for others and the safety of the children. If, however, you are registered disabled and need to park close to the school, please see Mr. Gibson and we can arrange something to accommodate your needs. We are also worried that if there was an emergency in school, an ambulance or fire engine would be delayed in getting access to the school via the playground if the gates were blocked by parents' cars.

Could we also please ask that you avoid blocking our neighbours driveways. We have recently received a number of phone calls of residents wanting to leave, or return to their homes, and not being able to get access to their driveway.

## **LITTERING**

A neighbour of school contacted the junior school concerned about the amount of litter around the gardens and streets where they lived – St. John's Gardens – and wanted me to pass on their concerns about the effects that this has on the environment and wildlife. Obviously, we want to protect the environment, as well as maintain good relationships with our neighbours, so could we please ask that you take litter with you. We will also ask the ice-cream van, when it returns, to supply a bin to avoid the problem worsening in the summer.

## **SCHOOL WEBSITE**

Information about the school, including important up-coming dates and events will be on the school's website, which can be found at [www.stjohns.oldham.sch.uk](http://www.stjohns.oldham.sch.uk) . Copies of this letter and any other 'whole school' letters can be found on there. Copies of any class, or year group specific letters, can be obtained from the relevant school office, or the class teacher. We are currently updating a large number of our policies and these can also be found on the school website.

**For further information, contact the relevant sites: 0161-681-5270 (EYFS/KS1) or 0161-681-5713 (KS2). You can visit the school website at [www.stjohns.oldham.sch.uk](http://www.stjohns.oldham.sch.uk), which contains the Infant site blogs. Thank you for your continued support.**

**Miss L.Bonter (Head of EYFS/KS1 Site) and Mr. C. Gibson (Head of KS2 Site)**